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raised, in various ways, $10,500, and that, with the gift of the mortgage which the State Convention held, gave us the property unencumbered. In 1876 we thoroughly repaired the house, and enlarged it by building a new front. In 1877 our congregations had so increased that another enlargement was necessary, and the house was thoroughly rebuilt, at an expense of $20,000; the congregation worshipping, temporarily, in the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The house was re-dedicated in December, 1878. Since then the congregation and Sabbath School have rapidly grown. The school has had in attendance eight hundred and ninety-five. The interest among the unconverted has been continued. The Church numbers now over five hundred members. We have never had anything but union in love. One purpose is ours; the glory of God in the salvation of men, through the truth as it is in Jesus. In December, 1878, the building known as the Weston Street school-house was obtained, refitted for a free reading-room for young men, offices for the assistants, a social hall for the ladies' society and the young men's union, and the primary department of the Sabbath School. The Church is a body corporate in law, and does not have any society to control its affairs.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction ;[1] that it has God for its author, salvation for its end,[2] and truth without any mixture of error for its matter ;[3] that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us ;[4] and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union,[5] and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17; 2 Pet. i. 21; Acts i. 16, iii. 21; John x. 35; Luke xvi. 29–31; Ps. cxix. 111; Rom. iii. 1, 2.

[2] 2 Tim. iii. 15; 1 Pet. i. 10–12; Rom. i. 16; Mark xvi. 16; John v. 38, 39.

[3] Proverbs xxx. 5, 6; John xvii. 17; Rev. xxii. 18, 19; Rom. iii. 4.

[4] Rom. ii. 12; John xii. 47, 48; Luke x. 10–16, xii. 47, 48.

[5] Phil. iii. 16; Ephes. iv. 3–6; Phil. ii. 1, 2; 1 Cor. i. 10; 1 Pet. iv. 11.

[6] 1 John iv. 1; 2 Cor. xiii. 5; Acts xvii. 11; 1 John iv. 6; Jude 3d v.; Ephes. vi. 17; Ps. cxix. 59, 60; Phil. i. 9–11.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth ;[1] inexpressibly glorious in holiness,[2]

and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love ;[3] that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ;[4] equal in every divine perfection,[5] and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.[6]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] 1 John iv. 24; Ps. cxlvii. 5, lxxxiii. 18; Heb. iii. 4; Rom. i. 20; Jer. x. 10.
[2] Ex. xv. 11; Isa. vi. 3; 1 Pet. i. 15, 16; Rev. iv. 6–8.
[3] Mark xii. 30; Rev. iv. 11; Matt. x. 37; Jer. ii. 12, 13.
[4] Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26; 1 Cor. xii. 4–6; 1 John v. 7.
[5] John x. 30, v. 17, xiv. 23, xvii. 5, 10; Acts v. 3, 4; 1 Cor. iv. 10, 11; Phil. ii. 5, 6.
[6] Ephes. ii. 18; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Rev. i. 4, 5; Comp. ii. 7.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker ;[1] but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state ;[2] in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners,[3] not by constraint but choice ;[4] being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil ; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin,[5] without defence or excuse.[6]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Gen. i. 27, i. 31; Eccles. vii. 29; Acts. xv. 26; Gen. ii. 16.
[2] Gen. iii. 6–24; Rom. v. 12.
[3] Rom. v. 19; John iii. 6; Ps. li. 5; Rom. v. 15–19; viii. 7.
[4] Isa. liii. 6; Gen. vi. 12; Rom. iii. 9–18.
[5] Eph. ii. 1–3; Rom, i. 18, i. 32, ii. 1–16; Gal. iii. 10; Matt. xx. 15.
[6] Ez. xviii. 19, 20; Rom. i. 20, iii. 19; Gal. iii. 22.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace;[1] through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God;[2] who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin;[3] honored the Divine law by His personal obedience,[4] and by His death made a full atonement for our sins;[5] that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven;[6] and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.[7]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Eph. ii. 5; Matt. xviii. 11; 1 John iv. 10; 1 Cor. iii. 5-7; Acts xv. 11.
[2] John iii. 16, i. 1-14; Heb. iv. 14; Rom. xii. 24.
[3] Phil. ii. 6, 7; Heb. ii. 9, ii. 14; 2 Cor. v. 21.
[4] Isa. lxii. 21; Phil. ii. 8; Gal. iv. 4, 5; Rom. iii. 21.
[5] Isa. liii. 4, 5; Matt. xx. 28; Rom. iv. 25; iii. 21-26; 1 John iv. 10; ii. 2; 1 Cor. xv. 1-3; Heb. ix. 13-15.
[6] Heb. i. 8, i. 3, viii; Col. iii. 1-4.
[7] Heb. vii. 25; Col. ii. 9; Heb. ii. 18, vii. 26; Ps. lxxxix. 19, xlv.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ[1] secures to such as believe in Him is Justification;[2] that Justification includes the pardon of sin,[3] and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness;[4] that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood;[5] by

virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God;[6] that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.[7]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] John i. 16; Eph. iii. 8.
[2] Acts xiii. 39; Isa. iii. 11, 12; Rom. viii. 1.
[3] Rom. v. 9; Zech. xiii. 1; Matt. ix. 6; Acts x. 43.
[4] Rom. v. 17; Titus iii. 5, 6; 1 Pet. iii. 7; 1 John ii. 25; Rom. v. 21.
[5] Rom. iv. 4, 5, v. 21, vi. 23; Phil. iii. 7–9.
[6] Rom. v. 19, iii. 24–26, iv. 23–25; 1 John, ii. 12.
[7] Rom. v. 1, 2, v. 3, v. 11; 1 Cor. i. 30, 31; Matt. vi. 33; 1 Tim. iv. 8.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel;[1] that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith;[2] and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel;[3] which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Isa. lv. 1; Rev. xxii. 17; Luke xiv. 17.
[2] Rom. xvi. 26; Mark i. 15; Rom. i. 15–17.
[3] John v. 40; Matt. xxiii. 37; Rom. ix. 32; Prov. i. 24; Acts xiii. 46.
[4] John iii. 19; Matt. xi. 20; Luke xix. 27; 2 Thess. i. 8.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again;[1] that regeneration con-

sists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;[2] that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth,[3] so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel;[4] and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith and newness of life.[5]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] John iii. 3, iii. 6, 7; 1 Cor. i. 14; Rev. viii. 7-9, xxi. 27.

[2] 2 Cor. v. 17; Ez. xxxvi. 26; Deut. xxx. 6; Rom. ii. 28, 29, v. 5; 1 John iv. 7.

[3] John iii. 8, i. 13; James i. 16-18; 1 Cor. i. 30; Phil. ii. 13.

[4] 1 Pet. i. 22-25; 1 John v. 1; Eph. iv. 20-24; Col. iii. 9-11.

[5] Eph. v. 9; Rom. viii. 9; Gal. v. 16-23; Eph. iii. 14-21; Matt. iii. 8-10, vii. 20; 1 John v. 4, 18.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God;[1] whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation, by Christ,[2] we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy;[3] at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Mark i. 15; Acts xi. 18; Ephes. ii. 8; 1 John, v. 1.

[2] John xvi. 8; Acts ii. 37, 38, xvi. 30, 31.

[3] Luke xviii. 13, xv. 18-21; James iv. 7-10: 2 Cor. vii. 11; Rom. x. 12, 13; Ps. li.

[4] Rom. x. 9-11; Acts iii. 22, 23; Heb. iv. 14; Ps. ii. 6; Heb. i. 8, viii. 25; 2 Tim. i. 12.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners;[1] that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end;[2] that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable;[3] that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy;[4] that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;[5] that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel;[6] that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;[7] and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.[8]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] 2 Tim. i. 8, 9; Eph. i. 3-14; 1 Pet. i. 1, 2; Rom. xi. 5, 6; John xv. 16; 1 John iv. 19; Hos. xii. 9.

[2] 2 Thess. ii. 13, 14; Acts xiii. 48; John x. 16; Matt. xx. 16; Acts xv. 14.

[3] Ex. xxxiii. 18, 19; Matt. xx. 15; Eph. i. 11; Rom. ix. 23, 24; Jer. xxxi. 3; Rom. xi. 28, 29; James i. 17, 18; 2 Tim. i. 9; Rom. xi. 32-36.

[4] 1 Cor. iv. 7, i. 26-31; Rom. iii. 27, iv. 16; Col. iii. 12; 1 Cor. iii. 5-7, xv. 10; 1 Pet. v. 10; Acts i. 24; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 1 Pet. ii. 9; Luke xviii. 7; John xv. 16; Eph. i. 16; 1 Thess. ii. 12.

[5] 2 Tim. ii. 10; 1 Cor. ix. 22; Rom. viii. 28-30; John vi. 37-40; 2 Pet. i. 10.

[6] 1 Thess. i. 4-10.

[7] Rom. viii. 28-30; Isa. xlii. 16; Rom. xi. 29.

[8] 2 Pet. i. 10, 11; Phil. iii. 12; Heb. vi. 11.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by

which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness;[1] that it is a progressive work;[2] that it is begun in regeneration;[3] and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit — the Sealer and Comforter — in the continual use of the appointed means — especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] 1 Thess. iv. 3, v. 23; 2 Cor. vii. 1, xiii. 9; Ephes. i. 4.

[2] Prov. iv. 18; 2 Cor. iii. 18; Heb. vi. 1; 2 Pet. i. 5–8; Phil. iii. 12–16.

[3] John ii. 29; Rom. viii. 5; John iii. 6; Phil. i. 9–11; Ephes. i. 13, 14.

[4] Phil. ii. 12, 13; Ephes. iv. 11, 12; 1 Pet. ii. 2; 2 Pet. iii. 18; 2 Cor. xiii. 5; Luke xi. 35, ix. 23; Matt. xxvi. 41; Ephes. vi. 18, iv. 30.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;[1] that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;[2] that a special Providence watches over their welfare;[3] and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] John viii. 31; 1 John ii. 27, 28, iii. 9, v. 18.

[2] 1 John ii. 19; John xiii. 18; Matt. xiii. 20, 21; John vi. 66–69; Job xvii. 9.

[3] Rom. viii. 28; Matt. vi. 30–33; Jer. xxxii. 40; Ps. cxxi. 3, xci. 11, 12.

[4] Phil. i. 6, ii. 12, 13; Jude 24, 25; Heb. i. 14; 2 Kings vi. 16; Heb. xiii. 5; 1 John iv. 4.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government;[1] that it is holy, just and good;[2] and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin;[3] to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Rom. iii. 31; Matt. v. 17; Luke xvi. 17; Rom. iii. 20, iv. 15.
[2] Rom. vii. 12, vii. 7, 14, 22; Gal. iii. 21; Ps. cxix.
[3] Rom. viii. 7, 8; Josh. xxiv. 19; Jer. xiii. 23; John vi. 44, v. 44.
[4] Rom. viii. 2, 4, x. 4; 1 Tim. i. 5; Heb. viii. 10; Jude 20, 21; Heb. xii. 14; Matt. xvi. 17, 18; 1 Cor. xii. 28.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers,[1] associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel;[2] observing the ordinances of Christ;[3] governed by His laws;[4] and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word;[5] that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons,[6] whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Cor. i. 1-13; Matt. xviii. 17; Acts v. 11, viii. 1, xi. 31; 1 Cor. iv. 17, xiv. 23; 3 John 9; 1 Tim. iii. 5.

[2] Acts ii. 41, 42; 2 Cor. vii. 5; Acts ii. 47; 1 Cor. v. 12, 13.

[3] 1 Cor. xi. 2; 2 Thess. iii. 6; Rom. xvi. 17–20; 1 Cor. xi. 23; Matt. xviii. 15–20; 1 Cor. v. vi; 2 Cor. ii. vii; 1 Cor. iv. 17.

[4] Matt. xxviii. 20; John xiv. 15, xv. 12; 1 John iv. 21; John xiv. 21; 1 Thess. v. 2; 2 John 6; Gal. vi. 2.

[5] Ephes. iv. 7; 1 Cor. xiv. 12; Phil. i. 27; 1 Cor. xii. 14.

[6] Phil. i. 1; Acts xiv. 23, xv. 23; 1 Tim. iii; Titus i.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer,[1] into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost;[2] to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life;[3] that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,[4] in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ;[5] preceded always by solemn self-examination.[6]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Acts viii. 36–39; Matt. iii. 5, 6; John iii. 22, 23; iv. 1, 2; Matt. xxviii. 19; Mark xvi. 16; Acts ii. 38, viii. 12, xvi. 32–34, xviii. 8.

[2] Matt. xxviii. 19; Acts x. 47, 48; Gal. iii. 27, 28.

[3] Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21; Acts xxii. 16.

[4] Acts ii. 41, 42; Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

[5] 1 Cor. xi. 26; Matt. xxvi. 26–29; Mark xiv. 22–25; Luke xxii. 14–20.

[6] 1 Cor. xi. 28, v. 1, 8, x. 3–32, xi. 17–32; John vi. 26–71.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath;[1] and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes,[2] by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations;[3] by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private[4] and public;[5] and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.[6]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Acts xx. 7; Gen. ii. 3; Col. ii. 16, 17; Mark ii. 27; John xx. 19; 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.

[2] Ex. xx. 8; Rev. i. 10; Ps. cxviii. 24.

[3] Isa. lviii. 13, 14; Isa. lvi. 2-8.

[4] Ps. cxviii. 15.

[5] Heb. x. 24, 25; Acts xi. 26; Acts xiii. 44; Lev. xix. 30; Ex. xlvi. 3; Luke iv. 16; Acts xvii. 2, 3; Ps. xxvi. 8, lxxxvii. 3.

[6] Heb. iv. 3-11.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society;[1] and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed;[2] except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,[3] who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Rom. xiii. 1-7; Deut. xvi. 18; 2 Sam. xxiii. 3; Ex. xviii. 23; Jer. xxx. 21.

[2] Matt. xxii. 21; Titus iii. 1; 1 Pet. ii. 13; 1 Tim. ii. 1-8.

[3] Acts v. 29; Matt. x. 28; Dan. iii. 15-18, vi. 7-10; Acts iv. 18-20.

[4] Matt. xxiii. 10; Rom. xiv. 4; Rev. xix. 16; Ps. lxxii. 11; Ps. ii.; Rom. xiv. 9-13.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked;[1] that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem;[2] while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse;[3] and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.[4]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] Mal. iii. 18; Prov. xii. 26; Isa. v. 20; Gen. xviii. 23; Jer. xv. 19; Acts x. 34, 35; Rom. vi. 16.

[2] Rom. i. 17, vii. 6; 1 John ii. 29, iii. 7; Rom. vi. 18, 22; 1 Cor. xi. 32; Prov. xi. 31; 1 Pet. iv. 17, 18.

[3] 1 John v. 19; Gal. iii. 10; John iii. 36; Isa. lvii. 21; Ps. x. 4; Isa. lv. 6, 7.

[4] Prov. xiv. 32; Luke xvi. 25; John viii. 21–24; Prov. x. 24; Luke xii. 4, 5, ix. 23–26; John xii. 25, 26; Eccl. iii. 17; Matt. vii. 13, 14.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching;[1] that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven,[2] and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;[3] that a solemn separation will then take place;[4] that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy;[5] and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.[6]

Places in the Bible where taught.

[1] 1 Pet. iv. 7; 1 Cor. vii. 29–31; Heb. i. 10–12; Matt. xxiv. 35; 1 John ii. 17; Matt. xxviii. 20, xiii. 39, 40; 2 Pet. iii. 3-13.

[2] Acts i. 11; Rev. i. 7; Heb. ix. 28; Acts iii. 21; 1 Thess. iv. 13–18, v. 1–11.

[3] Acts xxiv. 15; 1 Cor. xv. 12–59; Luke xiv. 14; Dan. xii 2; John v. 28, 29, vi. 40, xi. 25, 26; 2 Tim. i. 10; Acts x. 42.

[4] Matt. xiii. 49; Matt. xiii. 37–43, xxiv. 30, 31, xxv. 11–33.

[5] Matt. xxv. 35–41; Rev. xxii. 11; 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10; Mark ix. 43–48; 2 Pet. ii. 9; Jude 7; Phil. iii. 19; Rom. vi. 12; 2 Cor. v. 10, 11; John iv. 36; 2 Cor. iv. 18.

[6] Rom. iii. 5, 6; 2 Thess. i. 6-12; Heb. vi. 1, 2; 1 Cor. iv. 5; Acts xvii. 31; Rom. ii. 2-16; Rev. xx. 11, 12; 1 John ii. 28, iv. 17.

SEEING, THEN, THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS, LOOKING FOR AND HASTING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD? — (2 Peter iii. 11, 12.)

COVENANT.

We will endeavor, by Divine Grace assisting us:—To order our conversation in the Church and in the world, as becometh the Gospel of Christ; striving to watch over and edify one another in love.

To attend the public worship of God as constantly as possible, and especially to attend upon the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

To read the Scriptures; to pray with, and for, our families; to be sober and temperate in our deportment, just and upright in our dealings, studious to promote peace and good-will amongst all men, kind and just toward those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise to others, endeavoring in all things to maintain a conscience without offence in all relations of this present life.

To strive together for the support of a faithful, evangelical ministry among us, and to contribute of our means, as God has prospered us, for the spread of the Gospel.

To cherish toward the members of the Church a kind, sympathizing, faithful and forgiving behavior; never suffering sin, nor needlessly exposing the infirmities of others, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching.

In all cases of discipline or business before the Church, we will endeavor to avoid a contentious spirit: and if unable, from a sense of duty to God, to harmonize in opinion with others, we will recognize the right of the majority to govern.

BY-LAWS.

PREAMBLE.

No distinction is to be made between this church as a religious body and as a corporation. There is but one organization, and that the church; incorporated, that it may hold its property, and manage its affairs, without interference or control from others.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person professing faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of a change of heart, and adopting the views set forth in the declaration of faith made by us, may, after baptism, become a member, by a vote of the church.

SECT. 2. Any person wishing to unite with the church by baptism, shall first make it known to the Pastor or Deacons, who shall submit the case to the Prudential Committee The said Committee, having examined the matter, may present the applicant to the church at any one of its regular meetings.

SECT. 3. Members of other churches of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the fellowship of this church by letters of dismission and recommendation from their respective churches; but all such letters must first be submitted to the Prudential Committee, and if favorably received shall then be submitted to the church for action.

SECT. 4. Any person having lost his membership from another church, or from this one, in consequence of any peculiar circumstance, may be received by giving satisfactory evidence of a Christian character and a Scriptural faith.

SECT. 5. Any member in good standing shall be entitled to a dismission to any church with which this one is in fellowship.

SECT. 6. The application for dismission must be made to the Pastor or Deacons, and by them reported to the church.

SECT. 7. The names of those members who have been absent one year, of whom no satisfactory report has been rendered, shall be called at the annual meeting, that such action may be taken thereon as is necessary. If any member shall fail to communicate with the church for the space of three years, his name shall be dropped from the roll.

SECT. 8. During a temporary absence from the church, the Pastor or Clerk may give a letter of occasional communion; the letter to be valid only one year.

SECT. 9. Any member of good Christian character desiring to unite with some other body of evangelical Christians, may receive, by vote of the church, a certificate of Christian character, and such name shall be dropped from the roll.

SECT. 10. Any member may, upon charges preferred, for good cause, and after an opportunity to be heard, be excluded by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting; but, in case he is an officer, not until he has first been duly removed from office.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. A regular business meeting shall be held at half-past seven o'clock, on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

SECT. 2. At the January meeting in each year, which shall be deemed the annual meeting, the Clerk, the Treasurer and the Executive Committee shall present written reports.

SECT. 3. Any meeting may be reasonably adjourned.

SECT. 4. All business meetings shall be held at the meeting-house of the corporation, unless it be necessary to hold them at any time elsewhere; in which case the same notice shall be given as is provided for in the case of special meetings.

SECT. 5. The Clerk shall, upon the written request of the Executive Committee, or of any five members of the corporation, call a special meeting of the corporation at any time, by a notice signed by him, stating the business to be presented; which notice he shall cause to be read on Sunday, at least two days before the time appointed for the meeting, at some public service in the usual place of worship.

SECT. 6. In the election of Pastor, Clerk, Treasurer, the Prudential and the Executive Committees, the fixing of the Pastor's Salary, the removal of officers, and the transaction of business concerning the money or property of the corporation, none shall vote but adults. On other matters all may vote.

SECT. 7. A quorum for the transaction of business which comes before any meeting, shall be fifty of those entitled to vote upon the matter in question.

SECT. 8. At meetings, the Pastor (Chairman, *ex-officio*) shall preside; or, in his absence, one of the Deacons.

SECT. 9. The time of holding the public and social meetings of the church ahall be controlled by a vote of the church.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be a Pastor, a Chairman of the Corporation, four Deacons, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Super-

intendent of the Sunday School, a Prudential Committee and an Executive Committee.

SECT. 2. They shall be chosen at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year; except as is hereinafter specified in the case of the Pastor, Deacons, Chairman of the Corporation and the Executive Committee. The Deacons now in office shall hold office for a term of three years from the last annual meeting; and, at the expiration of said term, and thereafter, once in three years. At an annual meeting, four Deacons shall be chosen, all for a term of three years.

SECT. 3. Any officer may, for good cause, be removed from his office by a vote of two-thirds of those present, and voting at any business meeting, after he has had a full opportunity to be heard.

SECT. 4. In the event of a vacancy, from any cause, in any office, an election may be had for the unexpired term at any business meeting; a notice of the proposed election having first been read at a public service on the Sunday preceding.

SECT. 5. The Clerk shall keep all records, and present them at each business meeting, for the church's approval; and write all letters, unless the church otherwise orders.

SECT. 6. The Treasurer shall keep all funds except the poor fund — which shall be kept and disbursed by the Deacons, as they deem proper; give a general statement of the church's financial condition, and a full account of all receipts and disbursements, at the annual meeting, and at other meetings when requested.

SECT. 7. The Prudential Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Deacons, Clerk, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and three other brethren. They shall meet one week before each regular monthly meeting, and at other times when it is necessary. It shall be their duty to examine all candidates for membership, and to make proper inquiry

concerning them; to make preliminary inquiries in case of discipline; and to consult respecting the general welfare of the church. They shall also be a committee for the supply of the pulpit, when necessary.

SECT. 8. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine adult male members of the church, and the Treasurer, *ex-officio*. They shall be elected for three years, three being elected annually, and no member shall be eligible for re-election at the time his term expires; but he may be elected at any subsequent time.

SECT. 9. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the property of the church, and shall have the management of its financial interest. To this committee shall be submitted the choice and direction of the Sexton, and all other matters pertaining to the secular interests of the church. They shall perform their duties subject at all times to the direction of the church.

SECT. 10. The Executive Committee shall choose from their number a Chairman, and the Treasurer shall be their Secretary. They shall establish, from time to time, regular days of meeting; but their Chairman or Secretary may call them together at any time by letter, or by other suitable notice.

SECT. 11. A Pastor may be elected at any business meeting; *provided*, that if one-third of those present and qualified to vote in the election desire it, the matter shall lie over for one month. He shall be chosen for a term not limited, and shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of the Corporation.

SECT. 12. In case of a vacancy in the office of Pastor, the Executive Committee shall elect, from their own number, a Chairman of the Corporation, removable at their pleasure, whose term of office shall be determined by, and end with, the election of a Pastor, and his acceptance. The Chairman of the Executive Committee, or its Secretary, shall certify any

such election had by them to the Clerk, who shall make a record thereof.

SECT. 13. For convenience, it shall be sufficient for the Clerk, in his records, to designate the Pastor — *ex-officio* Chairman of the Corporation — simply as Pastor; and this term, so used in such records, shall be construed to include both offices, unless the contrary clearly appears.

SECT. 14. The relations with the Pastor may be dissolved by a majority vote of adults at any meeting present, in the same manner, and with the same limitations in favor of a minority, which are prescribed above, in regard to his election.

SECT. 15. All the foregoing offices shall be held by adult male members of the church.

All persons chosen to offices shall hold the same, unless they are removed, resign, or cease to be members of the church, until their successors are chosen, and (in the case of Clerk) qualified.

ARTICLE IV.

CHANGE OF BY-LAWS.

The foregoing By-Laws may be altered, annulled or amended, only by vote of two-thirds of all the adults present (whether voting or not), at any meeting; *provided*, that a written notice of the proposed change shall have been handed to the Clerk, and read by him, at a business meeting, not less than thirty, not more than forty, days before the meeting at which the change is to be made; and *provided*, further, that upon the written or oral request of ten adult members presented to said meeting, the question shall lie over one month for consideration. After one such postponement, the particular changes proposed may be acted on finally, and passed by a two-thirds vote, such as is above specified.

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